December 18, 2007

William Schultz County Recorder-Clerk/Registrar of Voters El Dorado County 360 Fair Lane Placerville, CA 95667

## Dear Mr. Schultz:

Thank you for submitting and demonstrating El Dorado County's proposed plan to deliver Premier Election Solutions, Inc. TSX stands in a bag closed with a uniquely-serialized tamper-evident seal to polling places prior to Election Day. After a thorough review of your procedures, the Secretary of State hereby authorizes your method of delivery of Premier Election Solutions, Inc. TSX stands to the polling place prior to Election Day.

In addition to using the uniquely-serialized tamper-evident sealed bags, this authorization is subject to the county's compliance with the following preventative and security measures:

- Maintain a strict chain of custody log of each bag's security seals.
- Include thorough instructions during poll worker training requiring at least two poll workers to examine the entire surface of the bag at the time they break the bag seal to set up the polling place for any evidence of penetration or tampering.
- Include thorough instructions during poll worker training requiring at least two poll workers to conduct a thorough inspection of the TSX stand after the bag has been removed. Poll workers should be instructed to look for foreign objects or liquid anywhere on or in the TSX stand.
- No TSX stand may be used in the election if the poll workers find that the seal serial number does not match the number on the custody log, that the seal has been tampered with, that the bag has been penetrated or tampered with or if they find foreign objects or liquid anywhere on or in the TSX stand after the bag has been removed. Poll workers must promptly report the incident to county elections headquarters.

Thank you for contacting the Secretary of State's Office regarding this matter.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment at (916) 653-7244.

Sincerely,

Lowell Finley
Deputy Secretary of State of Voting System
Technology and Policy